

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new

Abstract of the Disclosure.

An image forming apparatus ~~comprises~~ containing image forming stations Y, M, C, K for respective colors arranged along a transfer belt-16, each image forming station including an image carrier-20, a charging means-22 and a developing means-24 disposed around the image carrier-20. The apparatus further ~~comprises~~ having a housing body-2 in which ~~said~~ the image forming stations and ~~said~~ the transfer belt are situated, a support frame-9a for supporting a roller 14 around which said transfer belt is laid with some tension, and an image density detecting means-18 which is arranged to face ~~said~~ the transfer belt, wherein ~~said~~ the support frame is attached to the housing body ~~such that~~ which allows the support frame ~~is to be~~ detachable relative to the housing body by ~~means of a~~ pivotal movement. The apparatus has a locking ~~means~~ 9edevice for locking ~~said~~ the support frame to the housing body, wherein ~~said~~ the image density detecting ~~means device~~ is disposed in proximity to ~~said~~ the locking ~~means device~~, thereby preventing the deterioration of the detecting accuracy of the image density detecting ~~means device~~.